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SUBJECT:OBASANJO VISIT: NEW YORK ARRANGEMENTS

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1. CHASE DINNER: FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH JEAN
HERSKOVITS AND ROBIN HOEN OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S STAFF,
AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN HAS AGREED TO A BUSINESS COMMUNITY
DINNER FOR OBASANJO TO BE COORDINATED BY CHASE. DINNER
WOULD BE AT THE RIVER CLUB AT 6:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 13 FOR
40 TO 50 GUESTS. HARRIMAN INSISTED THAT LUNCHEON ON THE
13TH WAS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF WALDHEIM'S PLANS TO HOST
A LUNCHEON THAT DAY. AMB. YOUNG HAS ADJUSTED HIS PANS
ACCORDINGLY. REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN FMG CONCURRENCE WITH
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THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. HOEN HAS REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN LIMITING NIGERIAN
REPRESENTATION AT DINNER TO 5 OR 6 PEOPLE. WE HAVE ADVISED
HIM THAT THIS WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT BUT THAT EMBASSY
WILL MAKE AN EFFORT. SEPTTEL WILL TRANSMIT LIST OF COMPANIES
WHICH WE PLAN TO PROVIDE TO CHASE WITH REQUEST THAT THEY

BE REPRESENTED AT THIS FUNCTION.

3. COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR): HERSKOVITS REPORTS THAT CFR WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD OPEN OCTOBER 14 LUNCHEON DATE FOR EITHER OBASANJO OR GARBA. HOWEVER, THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT PROCEED WITH INVITATIONS UNTIL THEY HAVE A FIRM COMMITMENT FROM EITHER PARTY.

4. MCNIEL-LEHRER REPORT: HERSKOVITS REPORTS NO PROGRESS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR OBASANJO APPEARANCE ON MCNEIL-LEHRER REPORT. HOWEVER, WOULD GARBA BE INTERESTED IN APPEARING ON OCTOBER 4 AS PART OF A PANEL OF AS YET UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN MINISTERS TO COMMENT ON A SPEECH TO BE GIVEN EARLIER BY PRESIDENT CARTER? AS EMBASSY AWARE, MCNIEL-LEHRER REPORT IS WELL KNOWN PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOW CARRIED DAILY BY NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL NETWORK. VANCE

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